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SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF RATES

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1. FCO FORWARDED TO EMBASSY ON 5 DEC LANGUAGE IT HAS
CLEARED THROUGHOUT HMG FOR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN
CHARGE AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF HM TREASURY. WITH EX-
CEPTION OF MINOR CHANGES OUTLINED PAR 2 BELOW, TEXT FOL-
LOWS U.S. DRAFT CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. FCO PROPOSES FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO EARLIER U.S.
DRAFT:

A) NEW FIRST PARAGRAPH WOULD READ "I HAVE THE HONOR
TO PLACE ON RECORD THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE COST OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SER-
VICES ENJOYED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN THIS
COUNTRY";

B) PARA GRAPH TWO WOULD NOW READ: "IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED JANU-
ARY 24, 1955, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AND
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THE ECONOMIC SECRETARY TO HM TREASURY, THE UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT AND HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE LETTERS OF 24 JANUARY. PARAGRAPH 4 WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING:";

C) IN SUBPARA 4A, FCO DESIRES TO SUBSTITUTE THE PHRASE "THE PROPERTIES TO WHICH THIS ARRANGEMENT APPLIES" FOR "CROWN PROPERTIES SOLELY OCCUPIED OR ADMINISTERED BY UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES"; THIS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY (AND EMBASSY AND 3AF AGREE) AS THE 1955 ACCORD APPLIES TO ALL LAND ACQUIRED BY HMG FOR U.S. USE AS WELL AS TO CROWN LAND.

E) IN SUBPARA 4B, FCO AGAIN WOULD SUBSTITUE THE PHRASE "THE PROPERTIES TO WHICH THIS ARRANGEMENT APPLIES" FOR "CROWN PROPERTIES SOLELY OCCUPIED OR ADMINISTERED BY UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES" FOR THE REASON SET FORTH ABOVE.

3. EMBASSY AND THIRD AIR FORCE HAVE REVIEWED THESE CHANGES, REGARD THEM AS EITHER STYLISTIC OR, IN THE CASE OF PROPERTY ENUMERATION, NECESSARY TO CORRECT AN INADVERTENT ERROR. IN VIEW OF NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND FINANCIAL IMPORTANCE TO UGS OF THIS REVISION TO 1955 ACCORD, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF FOREGOING PROPOSALS SO THAT LETTERS CAN BE EXCHANGED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

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